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Intelligence Coverage of the Arab States

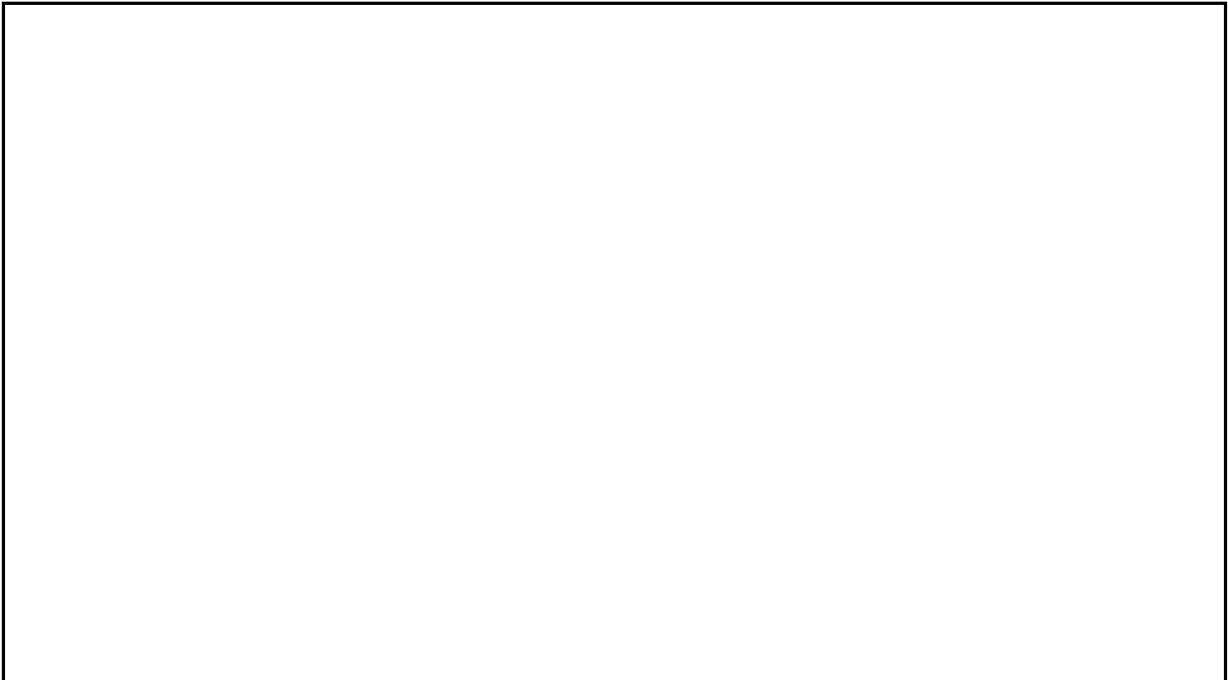
**SUMMARY**

1. Intelligence coverage of the Middle East is, on the whole, good in quality but inadequate in quantity. There are not enough US posts in the area and not enough personnel assigned to political and military reporting.

2. Estimates and predictions of the political and military developments in the area to date have proved essentially correct.

3. The most valuable intelligence is contained in State Department telegrams and reports, followed by those of the Military Attaches. Very little useful or timely material is received from ONI, SO, or OO.

4. The task of evaluating intelligence received in Washington and estimating future developments is made increasingly difficult by important changes in US policy of which the analysts have no advance knowledge.



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